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Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review

The applicant requests review of the rejection mailed November 3, 2006. No amendments are being filed with this request. A notice of appeal accompanies this request.

This is a second request for review. Although the panel decision mailed October 24, 2006 reopened prosecution in response to the earlier request for review, the subsequent November 3, 2006 action does not address the applicant's contention that the primary reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,668,857 (McHale), does not meet the specific limitations of the claims. Specifically, as pointed out in the remarks on page 6 of the response filed June 27, 2006, the reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest the specific structures recited in independent claims 32, 38, and 41 ("a digital line unit, a remote line termination unit, a remote data terminal, a subscriber line interface circuit, or a digital subscriber line module"). Similarly, the newly-cited secondary reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,327,258 (Deschaine et al.) (applied to claims 41-47 in ¶ 4 of the office action), does not disclose, teach, or suggest those limitations.

Therefore, obviousness has not been established. Reconsideration is requested.

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